



HAWKDUN RISE

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Hawkdun Rise is a small vineyard planted in 1994 and is set amongst the gently rolling hills a short distance from the Central Otago township of Alexandra.

Already established as a modest producer of Pinot Noir, with luxury bed and breakfast accommodation in the guest wing of the homestead, the vineyard was bought by current owners John and Suzanne Grant in 2004.

John cheerfully admits it was a mid-life crisis that prompted him to buy the property. "I suddenly realised that if I was going to do more with my life I'd better start doing it pretty damn quick," he says.

John and Suzanne fell in love with both the home and the vineyard at first sight. "It was ideal for us," he says. "Suzanne and I both share a love of good wine and country living. The vineyard-stay accommodation

was operating, but not widely marketed and we saw opportunities for both of us to do something we really enjoy"

The guest wing of the homestead looks down over the vines to the distant Hawkdun Ranges from which the property takes its name. The vineyard is planted in predominantly Pinot Noir with a small amount of Gewürztraminer. The scale of the vineyard is just enough for the couple to manage "with a little help from my friends," says John.

The Hawkdun Rise philosophy is quality rather than quantity, and this has paid off with the vineyard's 2005 signature HR Pinot Noir – the first vintage produced under John and Suzanne's guidance – winning a silver medal in the 2007 Air New Zealand Wine Awards. A Gold Medal in the same awards followed this for their 2006 HR Pinot Noir.

**Featured Wine –
Hawkdun Rise
Pinot Noir 2006
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Restaurant Hours	Tasting/Shop Sales	Tours
N/A	Tasting by appointment	By appointment